

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 003870
ORIGIN EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CU-02 LAB-04 USIA-06 /022 R

DRAFTED BY EA/RA:DSHARRIS:JG
APPROVED BY EA/RA:RJMARTENS
EA/J:DCHRISTENSON
CU/EA:PBOFINGER

-----072328Z 109150 /73

R 072130Z JAN 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 003870

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, OEXC, JA

SUBJECT: FY 77 LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM; SOHYO URBAN
PROBLEMS STUDY TEAM

REF: A) DEC. 23 MCDONALD LETTER TO HARRIS, B)
TOKYO 16739, C) TOKYO 18930, D) SEPT. 30
IMMERMAN LETTER TO HARRIS

1. IDEA BROACHED IN REF A OF HAVING AFT AND AFSCME SEND
LETTERS TO JICHIRO AND NIKKYOSO STRUCK US AS HAVING MERIT.
IN VIEW EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH ERNIE LEE ON THIS SUBJECT
AND SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER IN AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS
WE DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO TAKE UP THE IDEA WITH LEE. HIS
LETTER OF NOV. 3 TO MAKIEDA HAD BEEN CLEARED IN DRAFT
WITH GEORGE MEANY AND IT SAID EXACTLY AS MUCH AS MR. MEANY
WISHED IT TO SAY.

2. HARRIS HAD LONG DISCUSSION WITH ERNIE LEE AND JIM
ELLENBERGER ON THE SUBJECT JAN. 6, DURING WHICH HARRIS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 003870

DREW FREELY ON REF. B. AT END OF DISCUSSION LEE AGREED
TO SEND LETTERS TO SHANKER AND WURF REQUESTING THAT THEY
SEND LETTERS TO NIKKYOSO AND JICHIRO PRESIDENTS. HIS
LETTERS ARE TO CONTAIN A DRAFT OF THE LETTER HE WILL

REQUEST THAT THEY SEND TO THEIR JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS.
ROUGH DRAFT OF BOTH LETTERS WAS PREPARED BY HARRIS LATER

IN ELLENBERGER'S OFFICE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE LETTERS TO THE JAPANESE UNIONS WILL NOT EXACTLY BE "INVITATIONS". THEY WILL STATE THAT SHANKER AND LEE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE POSSIBLE VISIT UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE U.S. EMBASSY LEP, THAT THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATIONS IN THEIR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, AND IN THEIR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AS WELL IF SO DESIRED, TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM AND TO BE HELPFUL TO THEM.

3. WE THINK THE RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING AND A REAL STEP FORWARD. THE CRUX OF THE MATTER IS MEANY'S ANNOYANCE THAT VARIOUS SOHYO UNIONS HAVE NO HESITATION ABOUT ACCEPTING USSR GOVERNMENT MONEY FOR TRIPS TO MOSCOW (WHICH THE AFL-CIO NOTES HAVE BEEN FAR MORE FREQUENT THAN TRIPS TO THE U.S.) BUT THEN SET UP A LOUD OUTCRY WHEN IT COMES TO ACCEPTING US GOVERNMENT MONEY TO VISIT THE U.S. ADDITIONALLY, THE AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT SUSPECTS THAT SOME PEOPLE IN SOHYO ARE NOT ABOVE TRYING TO USE IT IN PLOYS SEEKING TO GAIN SOME COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE OVER DOMEI IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AFL-CIO. LEE NOTES THAT THE AFL-CIO DOESN'T SEND SPECIAL LETTERS OF INVITATION TO DOMEI UNIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE LEP.

4. WHILE WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER SHANKER AND WURF WILL ACTUALLY SEND THE LETTERS, OR WHAT SEA CHANGES MAY OCCUR IN THEM, WE WOULD THINK THE ODDS ARE GOOD THAT LETTERS ALONG THE LINES REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 ABOVE WILL BE SENT. WURF HAS ALREADY HAD SOME CORRESPONDENCE WITH JICHIRO'S PRESIDENT (REF D) AND SHANKER HAD MADE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 003870

FRIENDLY OVERTURES TO MAKIEDA ON THE OCCASION OF THE LATTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST SUMMER.

5. IMMERMANN AND MCDONALD MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH ELLENBERGER DURING HIS COMING VISIT TO JAPAN (SEPTTEL).
KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SURVEYS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 07-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE003870
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DSHARRIS:JG
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770007-1020
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770170/aaaacjib.tel
Line Count: 104
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 858830dc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3642151
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FY 77 LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM; SOHYO URBAN PROBLEMS STUDY TEAM
TAGS: ELAB, OEXC, JA, US
To: TOKYO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/858830dc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009